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Conclusion

In light of the foregoing comparisons, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 54-57 have the same scope as Claims 53 and 54 and therefore do not contain new features that require further search and consideration. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the following:

- (1) That the Examiner withdraw the October 12, 2004 advisory action.
- (2) That the Examiner enter Applicants' July 28, 2004 amendment.
- (3) That the Examiner allow Claims 54-57.

Because Applicants believe that the Examiner should have entered the July 28, 2004 amendment, which was timely filed, and that the Examiner should have allowed the application, Applicants believe that no extension of time fees should be required. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance prior to November 28, 2004 so that Applicants can avoid abandonment without paying extension of time fees.

If any issues remain to be resolved, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at (949) 721-2897.

Respectfully submitted,

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